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## LETTER FROM HOT SPRINGS.

### Phil. Hafner Tells About the Famous Resort---Boodler Lehmann Again Convicted---The Proposed Renomination of Folk for Circuit Attorney.

Hot Springs, Ark., July 18, 1903. Having been absent from Scott county for more than a week, I feel that I ought to be heard from. I am here taking hot baths and drinking hot water along with ten thousand other visitors.

It is cool and comfortable here. There is always a breeze and cover is required at night.

Dr. Freeling, of Benton, is also here and hopes to be restored to health. He has a wonderful appetite. This places me in rather an embarrassing position, because I arranged for the board and told the hotel keeper that the doctor could eat nothing but a little milk.

I met Jim Newter, of Sikeston, yesterday. He is beginning to get used to the place. Jim is very corpulent and they tell it on him at the bath house that they can only bathe him by sections—one end at a time.

Hot Springs is a wonderful place. There is nothing here to support the towns except the visitors. The afflicted from all over the world come here.

The country is mountainous and nothing grows in the immediate vicinity. A few miles out small patches, ranging from one to five acres, may be found, where garden truck and chickens are raised for the local market. A five-acre farm in this locality is regarded as an extensive plantation. Such plantations are scarce.

The hotels must pay forty cents per gallon for sweet milk and twenty

cents for buttermilk. In the food line everything is correspondingly high. An average sized watermelon costs fifty cents.

The chief occupation of the people here is keeping boarders, doctoring, selling drugs and gambling. The only thing manufactured here is ice. Doctors, drug stores and boarding places are thick. Nearly every private family has "rooms with board."

The population is 18,000 and all these people depend for support on the people brought here by the waters that flow from Hot Springs mountain.

Should this flow of water cease you could buy brick houses here for one dollar each. The city would be deserted in a week. They produce nothing here, and with the inflow of visitors stopped the people could not live. Their source of revenue would be shut off.

Well, I reckon the supreme court will have to do its job over again. I see from the papers that Mr. Folk has again convicted Julius Lehmann, the boodler, and that instead of five years he now has a seven years' sentence.

But Julius is not worrying—so long as Missouri has a supreme court of the present brand.

It is amusing—this talk of the Sam Cooked organs wanting Joe Folk to hold onto his present job.

To understand what the ring is

after you must always raise the lid and see what it is they have under cover.

Wouldn't they feel happy if they could get Joe Folk renominated for circuit attorney of St. Louis?

Ed. Butler would give \$20,000 to bring it about. And Seibert and Cook and the rest of the "party" would chip in freely.

If they could succeed in palming off a renomination on Mr. Folk it would be the last of him.

He would be beaten by 50,000. The "party" would work the repeaters overtime for his opponent.

There is no certainty about Mr. Folk's election, even if he should receive the Democratic nomination.

You see the Globe-Democrat, the St. Louis Star and other influential Republican newspapers urging the renomination of Mr. Folk by the Democrats.

Do you understand it?

No?

Well, it's this way: If the rank and file should "run it over" the ring and nominate Mr. Folk, then the power of the whole state administration would be thrown to the Republican nominees—just as Mr. Cleveland threw the power of his administration to Mr. McKinley in 1896!

This would almost insure Republican success in Missouri. And that is why the leading Republican papers can consistently advise Democrats to nominate Mr. Folk.

PHIL. A. HAFNER.

#### FROM PORTERS SWITCH.

John Madden was killed Friday night between Blodgett and Morley. He was quite a young man and was supposed to have been drunk, as a bottle of whiskey was found on him.

Wm. Calbert, who had been sick with congestion of the bowels, died Tuesday evening. He leaves a wife and child to mourn his death.

James Lee is holding a protracted meeting at Oak Grove. Everybody should turn out and hear him.

James Collins is looking for 10 head of cattle which have either strayed or been stolen.

James Higgs died at Jim Wilson's log camp Sunday morning.

Read the Kicker.

#### "ON MEMORANDUM."

Heard Over the Counter in a Big New York Establishment.

"Sometimes we are obliged to call a spade a spade," said the lace expert to a New York Herald reporter. "If we did not we would be in hot water much of the time. Now, for instance, there is the case of Mrs. B., one of our charge customers. She came in here, selected a point lace berth, and said she would take it. We had not the least hesitation in allowing her to take the goods. But, as it happened, there was a large ball up town that night, and I had made arrangements to describe the gown worn for a society publication.

"One of the first things I noticed was Mrs. B. wearing the berth I had allowed her to take on memorandum. Of course, she did not see me, but I guess by this time she wishes she had. Next afternoon she came in, bringing the berth. She said she would not take it, that it did not just suit her after a more careful examination.

"I told her I was sorry to disappoint her, but we never took goods back after they had been worn. Of course, she flushed, and did not like it, but she was too sensible to make a fuss and cause an investigation. She was puzzled to know how I knew, but I did not enlighten her. She paid the bill.

"Is it policy to do those things? Well, we are obliged to protect ourselves as much as we can. The fact that she was a wealthy woman had absolutely no weight with us. We do not enter to dishonest people, even if they have money. And there are nine chances out of ten that Mrs. B. will, in the future, be one of our most reliable and valuable customers.

"Oh, this is the place to learn human nature."

#### A DRIVING TOUR.

Is One of the Most Delightful of Summer Recreations.

Of all summer outings that give rest with recreation and freedom from care with constant change of scene, carriage driving is one of the most delightful. Choose your horse, if choice be granted, a horse who is a fast walker, but who is withal staid and sober, and with dignity above the friskiness kicked out on hill pastures long ago; an honest horse, free from guile, in whom your trust may rest unshaken even by the reins. And choose your carriage which is large and roomy and comfortable. So are you started for strange adventure.

A carriage drive is like unto the tangle of strings at a cobweb party—the beginning you are sure of, but who shall say where it will end? You plan it all beforehand, and in the making of the schedule is great pleasure. But with each day come new perplexities, delightful perplexities, winding, shady, grass-grown vagabonds of roads with disreputable patches of briars on the one side, and moss-gray moldering old tree trunks on the other wandering apparently without aim into the hills and filling you with an irresistible desire to wander also. And, after all, the most delightful drive is without aim save the pleasure to be derived, and without plan save as to a general direction, leaving to wayward roads and the chance of each day the destination of the morrow—Country Life in America.

FOR SALE—Good 2-horse wagon. Apply to Levi Brock, Benton.

#### Public Sale.

I will sell at Public Auction at the Vincent Heiserer place, 1 1/2 miles south of Benton, on

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29, 1903, The following property: 11 head of horses, mares and mules, 20 head cattle, full stock short horn Durham bull, 30 head hogs, 2 wagons, 2 No. 40 Oliver plows, disc gang plow, disc cut or harrow, bay rake, section steel harrow, Champion mower, cultivator, 2 1-horse steel plows, disc wheat drill, slide wheat drill, Milwaukee binder, etc.

Terms of Sale: All sums of \$5 and under, cash; over \$5 a credit of nine months will be given, purchaser giving note with approved security. If paid at maturity no interest will be charged, otherwise 8 per cent will be added to note from date.

#### S. J. WADE.

#### FROM GRAYSBORO.

To receive letters from unknown persons seems to be "the latest" in Graysboro. Four girls received each a letter about the same time. Won't call any names, but the letters seem to have been appreciated.

McDonald & Co's crusher plant started up in full blast last week, James Reeding at the hoisting engine and Geo. Hawkins at the crusher as usual. The foreman wants 15 or 20 men at \$1.75 a day.

News was received from Mrs. John Shultz, who left here about 4 weeks ago for Little Rock, Ark., Hospital.

The doctors there have given up all hope and Mr. Shultz left last week.

We saw in last week's issue that we were to have a postmaster here. This is something we need very much as there is no certainty when we get our mail after it gets here.

A switchman at Manning fell last Sunday and had both legs cut off. He was taken to the Cape on the steamer Davis, but died on the way.

J. Fitzgerald, a machinist for the Cotton Belt, had the misfortune to have his arm painfully burned. He was attended by Dr. Cannon.

Three girls started to visit in Thebes, but we think the appearance of a fourth lady caused the visit to be indefinitely postponed.

Three young ladies were seen trimming hats at the river landing Sunday. Looked like they were starting a millinery store.

Geo. W. Miller had the misfortune to get hurt Sunday while working at the junction, but he is some better at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. E. Manly have returned to their home after a pleasant visit at the latter's home place in Sikeston.

Jimmie Simpson is again in our city. He says he will not attend church again soon without his coat. Wonder why?

Why won't someone come and start a butcher shop here—we can't get meat at all when we want it. The Hornsbeck Bros. have built a dancing floor here, which will undoubtedly be well patronized.

The family of Mr. Knott has moved from here, much to the regret of many friends.

Arthur O'Donnell, of Cincinnati, O., is here paying his relatives a pleasant visit.

James McMillen has returned to our city after a pleasant visit at Bird's Point.

George Higgs is at present visiting in Blomeyer. Now, Higgs, don't look so depressed.

Blessed is the man who is married for he can always find someone to quarrel with.

A man's heart is blamed for a lot of things his head is responsible for. Arthur O'Donnell has accepted a position with the C. & E. L. at Thebes.

A very enjoyable dance was given here Monday night by Mr. Organ.

The sisters of Mrs. Mayne Rose are here from St. Louis visiting.

Mr. Van Etten is building several new houses on River street.

Joe Kelly, who has been quite sick, is able to be out again.

Ice cream always on hand at the

#### Uphaw restaurant.

Will Wilson has been very sick, but is now some better.

The new building of Mrs. J. O'Donnell is completed.

#### FROM ROCKVIEW.

Cambell Stoddard and Frank Felder have quit work and are helping the women pick berries. Last year it was Walter Brown. We wonder who it will be next year.

Mrs. F. Friend, of Oran, was called to the bedside of her mother, Mrs. Rosenberg, who has been very ill, but who is now somewhat improved, we are glad to say.

Since the hop tea joint has been moved Nick Menz has enlarged his store and now he says: "How does it look—now I've got anything you want."

Since the strike on Section 88 on the Cotton Belt Bill Lamb has been handling hop tea over the bar.

Chas. Weaver was here from Illinois Saturday looking up a location for a saw mill.

Louis Dohogne, of Kelso, made a business trip to this town this week.

John Heeb and Joe Witt were here trading Saturday.

Nick Menz visited home folks and friends Sunday.

Mrs. Rosenberg is very sick at this writing.

#### FROM KELSEO.

"Illmo" will be the name of the future metropolis of the southeast, and will be situated in Scott county two and one-half miles from Kelseo at the end of the big bridge. "Well, now!"

Geo. Walters has purchased the farm of P. R. Williams at Bufordville and will move up in the near future.

We understand that Mr. Ales will move to Bollinger county, and are sorry to lose such a good citizen.

Several Kelseo people attended the wedding of Dan Bert and Miss Will on Sunday last.

There are rumors of war out about the station. Same old story—"Pa don't like him."

Mrs. Rosenberg, of Cogler's Mill Hotel, has been very sick for the past week.

Relatives from Cape visited the family of Ludanus Dannemueeller Sunday.

Quite a good deal of steel framing for the bridge is being unloaded at Illmo.

The dance Monday night was well attended considering the rain.

Father Klein is visiting at Leopold this week.

#### Public Sale.

I will sell at Public Auction at my place 3 miles south of Kelseo and 5 miles east of New Hamburg, on

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15, 1903, The following property: Mule, 2 horses, 6 head of cattle including 3 cows in calf, 2 wagons, 3 2-horse plows, cultivator, binder, mower, 2 harrows, set harness and other articles too numerous to mention.

Terms of Sale: All sums of \$5 and under, cash; over \$5 a credit of 12 months will be given, purchaser giving note with approved security. If paid at maturity no interest will be charged, otherwise 8 per cent will be added to note from date.

#### PETER SCHERER.

#### HOME NOTES.

Someone started a "pipe" story to the effect that a man down in Sandy-woods had tried to kill his wife with an ax. Of course we didn't believe a word of it, for we know that Sandy-woods people have a surer way of killing their wives than by the use of an ax. They just simply prevent them from gossiping.

It is rumored that a certain young man is having a pipe line connection made between the artesian well and his place of business, so that it will be handy in case the drillers strike a good grade of lager beer.

When a Benton girl is out on a dark porch with a man and coughs every now and then, it is a sign to her mother not to come out there too suddenly.

"I got you faded," said the sun to the court house shutter.

"Aw, you ain't so w'm," retorted the shutter; "the Kicker's the hottest thing in this town. See?"

Jim Arnold was heard to remark that when a girl said "no" she meant "no," but when she said "no-o" she meant "yes." Jim knows, too.

B. F. Copeland, the genial representative of the Inland Type Foundry, St. Louis, was a pleasant caller at this office Wednesday.

Mrs. Bachof, of St. Louis, is visiting Mrs. J. S. Freeling this week.

#### FROM CARY.

Mrs. Mollie Edmunds departed this life July 16 at the age of 21 years. She was married to Joseph Edmunds in 1895 and the union was blessed with two children. Her remains were laid to rest in the Polard cemetery.

George Hinson, of Charleston, visited home folks and attended the funeral of Mrs. Joe Edmunds.

Rev. J. P. McDonald will preach at Moor's chapel Saturday night and Sunday at 11 a. m.

Health is better here now. Mrs. Venable and Mrs. Bailey have recovered.

Jim Vandike, who has been quite sick, is some better now.

Ed Chewing presented his wife with a fine new buggy.

George Venable and wife have gone to housekeeping here.

Mrs. Halley is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Bishop.

Grandma Finch has returned home.

#### FROM CROWDER.

Mrs. M. T. Kimbell and son have returned from Dexter, where they have been visiting the families of J. D. Kimbell and R. M. Watts.

S. P. Marshall moved his family to Ironton Monday, where they will make their future home.

Price Matney, of near Commerce, visited the family of R. W. Huff-stetler Sunday.

When in Crowder pay a visit to J. A. Rifer's store. He sells cheap.

Miss Bertha Kirk and brother are visiting in Crowder this week.

Several of our people, old and young, went to Cape Sunday.

Charley Hutchinson, of Sikeston, was in town Tuesday.

Crowder has a new station agent. Now, girls.

Jim was as happy as a sunflower Sunday.

## THE GREATEST EVER!

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# Grand Festival

At ORAN,

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12, 1903,

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Brass and String Music. Plenty to Eat.

Racing, Fireworks, Etc.

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